

The Warriner School

Responsible - Respectful – Ready

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Academy Trust

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Supporting your child's school attendance

It is a legal obligation of all parents/carers to ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually in a condition to learn. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly when starting school but helps them to keep and maintain friendships and enjoy the school environment.

We expect students to attend school unless they are ill or in a few other exceptional circumstances (see below). Avoid absence from school wherever possible. We do not have a 48 hour sickness rule so it is at parental discretion when a student is well enough to return. We understand that some appointments are unavoidable i.e. with hospital specialists. However, appointments where there is flexibility such as dental appointments, doctor's appointments or eye tests should not be scheduled during the school day. Absence means your child will miss out on academic studies and begin to feel that education is not a priority as well as missing the social aspects of the school environment. This can have a negative lifelong effect.

The school can authorise an absence in the following circumstances:

- Genuine illness
- A family crisis
- Religious observance

The law gives NO entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must only be made in **exceptional** circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave.

There tends to be good reasons why children become reluctant to attend school. Take the time to listen to your child, share any concerns you or your child may have with the child's tutor or our Attendance Liaison Team, Ms Lowe (r.lowe@warriner.oxon.sch.uk) and Ms Timms (h.timms@warriner.oxon.sch.uk) and seek support at the very earliest opportunity.

If your child is absent you must inform us of the reason by 8:30am. Please call 01295 720777 or email awar1788@warriner.oxon.sch.uk. If your child is absent without explanation this could result in a home visit.

Signed

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